IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. HARLAN submitted the following

LETTER

From the Secretary of the Interior, to accompany "bill (S. 384,) authorizing the sale of abandoned military reservations."

Department of the Interior, Washington, April 6, 1860.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a bill, prepared in the General Land Office, at your suggestion, made in behalf of the Committee on Public Lands of the Senate, "authorizing the sale of abandance of the Senate,"

doned military reservations."

Since the repeal, in 1858, of the general laws under which, prior to that time, such lands of the United States were sold, there has been no act of Congress of a general nature on the subject. Should Congress see fit to intrust the disposal of such lands in the future to this department, the provisions of the inclosed bill are such as I would approve.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
J. THOMPSON, Secretary.

Hon. Jas. Harlan, Committee on Public Lands, U. S. Senate.